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REPORTS

OF THE

TRUSTEES, LIBRARIAN, AND TREASURER

FOR THE YEAR 1889.

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## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES.

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*To the City Council :*

We beg to present to your honorable body the annual report of the trustees of the public library.

The year 1889 has been, at times, full of surprises and problems, owing to the removal of the books to the new Fowler Library building and to the incidents attendant thereto. The first year brought a demand for books and other reading matter that had not been provided for or even thought of. At times the situation has been perplexing, but explanations on the part of the Librarian and his assistants demonstrated to the patrons the impossibility of always providing the books of one's choice. In many instances the books indicated on one's card could not be supplied owing to the limited number of books in the library. The supply of books is too limited for the public demand, and as this demand will grow every year, but one thing will meet the exigency, namely, the largest appropriation on the part of your honorable body consistent with public policy, so that the supply of books may meet the requirements of the day. The trustees were called upon to try the experiment of liberally maintaining a public reading-room, where the leading newspapers and magazines could easily be attainable. The result has justified the experiment. Its readers increase in number, and its popularity is assured.

The reference-room, one of the most essential parts of any library, is constantly used by the teachers and scholars of our schools, as well as by mature readers and those in search of special or encyclopaedic knowledge. To this department the

trustees have devoted much time and expended as much money as circumstances warranted.

The public are interested in the welfare of the library, the outlay comes back to the people, the books belong to them: therefore, representing a population increasing in numbers and increasing in knowledge, we respectfully submit our report, confident that our immediate needs will be understood, and that measures will be adopted whereby our public library may be given strength to gain a proud standing in the land.

Respectfully,

|                     |        |
|---------------------|--------|
| ABIAL ROLFE,        | WARD 1 |
| JOSEPH T. CLOUGH,   | " 2    |
| PAUL R. HOLDEN,     | " 3    |
| WILLIAM L. FOSTER,  | " 4    |
| CHARLES R. CORNING, | " 5    |
| JAMES S. NORRIS,    | " 6    |
| WILLIAM W. FLINT,   | " 7    |

## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

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*To the Board of Trustees :*

The Library has been open for the delivery of books every week-day during the year, as follows :

|                             |   |   |              |
|-----------------------------|---|---|--------------|
| 47 days, 11 hours each day, | . | . | 517 hours.   |
| 231 " 10 " "                | . | . | 2,310 "      |
| 27 " 8 " "                  | . | . | 216 "        |
| 2 " $4\frac{1}{2}$ " "      | . | . | 9 "          |
| 2 " 4 " "                   | . | . | 8 "          |
| 2 " 3 " "                   | . | . | 6 "          |
| 2 " 2 " "                   | . | . | 4 "          |
| <hr/>                       |   |   |              |
| 313 days.                   |   |   | 3,070 hours. |

Averaging a trifle over  $9\frac{3}{4}$  hours each day.

### CIRCULATION OF BOOKS.

The number of books issued to patrons in that time has been as follows :

*Daily and Weekly Issue of Books from January 1 to June 30, 1889, both dates inclusive.*

|                              | Mon. | Tues. | Wed. | Thur. | Fri. | Sat. | Days. | Total. |
|------------------------------|------|-------|------|-------|------|------|-------|--------|
| Jan. 1 to Jan. 5, inclusive, |      | 337   | 205  | 155   | 355  | 626  | 5     | 1678   |
| Week ending Jan. 12,         | 259  | 410   | 137  | 260   | 346  | 629  | 6     | 2041   |
| " " " 19,                    | 230  | 314   | 219  | 310   | 346  | 582  | 6     | 2001   |
| " " " 26,                    | 219  | 442   | 260  | 230   | 359  | 677  | 6     | 2187   |
| " " Feb. 2,                  | 334  | 417   | 248  | 226   | 352  | 715  | 6     | 2292   |
| " " " 9,                     | 289  | 370   | 215  | 255   | 408  | 724  | 6     | 2261   |
| " " " 16,                    | 249  | 361   | 292  | 265   | 367  | 733  | 6     | 2267   |

|             |          |          | Mon. | Tues. | Wed. | Thur. | Fri. | Sat.  | Days. | Total. |
|-------------|----------|----------|------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|-------|--------|
| Week ending | Feb. 23, |          | 239  | 475   | 285  | 264   | 393  | 595   | 6     | 2251   |
| "           | "        | Mar. 2,  | 319  | 431   | 223  | 257   | 445  | 681   | 6     | 2356   |
| "           | "        | " 9,     | 322  | 159   | 341  | 335   | 380  | 744   | 6     | 2281   |
| "           | "        | " 16,    | 346  | 444   | 258  | 254   | 418  | 684   | 6     | 2404   |
| "           | "        | " 23,    | 318  | 470   | 250  | 227   | 420  | 685   | 6     | 2370   |
| "           | "        | " 30,    | 319  | 411   | 260  | 212   | 392  | 746   | 6     | 2340   |
| "           | "        | April 6, | 206  | 443   | 286  | 60    | 477  | 766   | 6     | 2238   |
| "           | "        | " 13,    | 256  | 363   | 242  | 178   | 305  | 674   | 6     | 2018   |
| "           | "        | " 20,    | 270  | 366   | 194  | 163   | 275  | 608   | 6     | 1876   |
| "           | "        | " 27,    | 238  | 345   | 249  | 199   | 294  | 656   | 6     | 1981   |
| "           | "        | May 4,   | 231  | 168   | 111  | 356   | 351  | 668   | 6     | 1885   |
| "           | "        | " 11,    | 219  | 336   | 159  | 139   | 238  | 635   | 6     | 1726   |
| "           | "        | " 18,    | 229  | 298   | 188  | 199   | 262  | 514   | 6     | 1690   |
| "           | "        | " 25,    | 215  | 344   | 227  | 177   | 308  | 607   | 6     | 1878   |
| "           | "        | June 1,  | 205  | 303   | 213  | 35    | 331  | 581   | 6     | 1668   |
| "           | "        | " 8,     | 222  | 295   | 162  | 12    | 353  | 571   | 6     | 1615   |
| "           | "        | " 15,    | 197  | 321   | 196  | 169   | 239  | 575   | 6     | 1697   |
| "           | "        | " 22,    | 219  | 305   | 192  | 134   | 218  | 598   | 6     | 1666   |
| "           | "        | " 29,    | 248  | 284   | 155  | 153   | 293  | 507   | 6     | 1640   |
|             |          |          | 6398 | 9213  | 5767 | 5224  | 8925 | 16781 | 155   | 52307  |

*Record from July 1 to December 31, inclusive.*

|             |         |          | Mon. | Tues. | Wed. | Thur. | Fri. | Sat. | Days. | Total. |
|-------------|---------|----------|------|-------|------|-------|------|------|-------|--------|
| Week ending | July 6, |          | 214  | 267   | 223  | 6     | 323  | 553  | 6     | 1586   |
| "           | "       | " 13,    | 146  | 297   | 202  | 178   | 245  | 470  | 6     | 1538   |
| "           | "       | " 20,    | 228  | 305   | 114  | 163   | 284  | 491  | 6     | 1585   |
| "           | "       | " 27,    | 178  | 277   | 175  | 136   | 291  | 384  | 6     | 1441   |
| "           | "       | Aug. 3,  | 243  | 198   | 279  | 119   | 267  | 227  | 6     | 1333   |
| "           | "       | " 10,    | 172  | 270   | 100  | 137   | 194  | 264  | 6     | 1137   |
| "           | "       | " 17,    | 168  | 172   | 111  | 117   | 250  | 309  | 6     | 1127   |
| "           | "       | " 24,    | 203  | 258   | 128  | 154   | 216  | 319  | 6     | 1278   |
| "           | "       | " 31,    | 198  | 229   | 179  | 143   | 225  | 295  | 6     | 1269   |
| "           | "       | Sept. 7, | 237  | 278   | 196  | 185   | 234  | 503  | 6     | 1633   |
| "           | "       | " 14,    | 198  | 257   | 159  | 155   | 255  | 451  | 6     | 1475   |
| "           | "       | " 21,    | 179  | 243   | 192  | 138   | 307  | 576  | 6     | 1635   |
| "           | "       | " 28,    | 210  | 255   | 177  | 109   | 301  | 541  | 6     | 1593   |
| "           | "       | Oct. 5,  | 161  | 261   | 179  | 159   | 283  | 525  | 6     | 1568   |
| "           | "       | " 12,    | 185  | 275   | 195  | 170   | 293  | 582  | 6     | 1700   |
| "           | "       | " 19,    | 204  | 282   | 161  | 184   | 255  | 566  | 6     | 1652   |
| "           | "       | " 26,    | 219  | 292   | 170  | 176   | 281  | 598  | 6     | 1736   |
| "           | "       | Nov. 2,  | 156  | 326   | 239  | 189   | 301  | 579  | 6     | 1790   |

|                     |           | Mon. | Tues. | Wed. | Thur. | Fri. | Sat.  | Days. | Total. |
|---------------------|-----------|------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|-------|--------|
| Week ending         | Nov. 9,   | 287  | 322   | 159  | 168   | 340  | 561   | 6     | 1837   |
| "                   | " " 16,   | 226  | 351   | 163  | 251   | 304  | 644   | 6     | 1939   |
| "                   | " " 23,   | 215  | 291   | 225  | 233   | 294  | 676   | 6     | 1934   |
| "                   | " " 30,   | 275  | 346   | 212  | 5     | 499  | 627   | 6     | 1964   |
| "                   | " Dec. 7, | 306  | 374   | 206  | 176   | 372  | 644   | 6     | 2078   |
| "                   | " " 14,   | 271  | 332   | 181  | 244   | 331  | 382   | 6     | 1741   |
| "                   | " " 21,   | 285  | 366   | 127  | 253   | 350  | 554   | 6     | 1935   |
| "                   | " " 28,   | 193  | 295   | 11   | 263   | 350  | 534   | 6     | 1646   |
| December 30 and 31, |           | 283  | 319   |      |       |      |       | 2     | 602    |
|                     |           | 5840 | 7738  | 4463 | 4211  | 7646 | 12854 | 158   | 42752  |

## SUMMARY.

|                          | Mon.   | Tues.  | Wed.   | Thur. | Fri.   | Sat.   | Days. | Total. |
|--------------------------|--------|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|-------|--------|
| Jan. 1 to June 30, inc., | 6398   | 9213   | 5767   | 5224  | 8925   | 16781  | 155   | 52307  |
| July 1 to Dec. 31, inc., | 5840   | 7738   | 4463   | 4211  | 7646   | 12854  | 158   | 42752  |
|                          | 12,238 | 16,951 | 10,230 | 9,435 | 16,571 | 29,635 | 313   | 95,059 |

Averaging a trifle over 303 books per day, and a gain of 43,825 volumes over the number given out the year preceding.

## INCREASE OF CIRCULATION SINCE 1884.

Statement showing the number of books issued from the library from January 1, 1885, to December 31, 1889, both dates inclusive :

|            | 1885   | 1886   | 1887   | 1888   | 1889   |
|------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| January,   | 2,738  | 3,224  | 4,284  | 3,830  | 9,132  |
| February,  | 2,623  | 2,824  | 3,915  | 3,933  | 9,076  |
| March,     | 2,877  | 3,692  | 4,567  | 4,351  | 10,522 |
| April,     | 2,700  | 3,004  | 4,285  | 4,002  | 8,512  |
| May,       | 2,583  | 3,044  | 3,586  | 4,615  | 7,866  |
| June,      | 2,421  | 2,747  | 3,347  | 4,867  | 7,199  |
| July,      | 2,142  | 2,470  | 2,729  | 3,910  | 6,870  |
| August,    | 278    | 977    | 1,114  | 2,091  | 5,424  |
| September, | 1,912  | 2,950  | 3,152  | 4,228  | 6,497  |
| October,   | 2,643  | 3,447  | 3,753  | 3,625  | 7,405  |
| November,  | 2,728  | 3,618  | 3,757  | 4,307  | 8,554  |
| December,  | 2,764  | 3,530  | 3,852  | 7,475  | 8,002  |
|            | 28,409 | 35,527 | 42,341 | 51,234 | 95,059 |



## BOOKS SENT TO PENACOOK AND BOSCAWEN.

Of the whole number of books issued, 9,601 were sent to Penacook and Boscawen.

|             |       |            |     |
|-------------|-------|------------|-----|
| In January, | 1,011 | In July,   | 689 |
| February,   | 973   | August,    | 551 |
| March,      | 1,015 | September, | 595 |
| April,      | 917   | October,   | 718 |
| May,        | 832   | November,  | 769 |
| June,       | 696   | December,  | 835 |

Twenty-four cards have been issued to parties residing in Boscawen, for which 25 cents each was charged, according to agreement.

The boxes of books have been carefully packed and promptly delivered at the library by Messrs. Gale and Cunningham.

## BOOKS PURCHASED.

Eleven hundred and fifty volumes have been purchased, included in which are twenty-seven volumes of novels in the French language, selected by M. Pingault, which, with a few volumes of historical works presented by W. P. Fowler, Esq., have been placed on the shelves for the use of the patrons of the library.

## FISHERVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Sixteen hundred volumes of various kinds were received from the Fisherville Public Library in September last. Of these, one hundred were worn out and worthless ;—of the remainder, three fourths were duplicates of books already in the library : many of these have been taken to replace books that were badly worn ;—two hundred of the remainder have been catalogued and placed on the shelves.

There was also received with the library an imperfect file of the *Official Gazette* of the United States Patent Office from January, 1873, to January, 1884, of which the part published between June, 1875, and January, 1879, will enable us to nearly complete our file of that valuable publication.



## DONATIONS.

Seven hundred books and pamphlets have been presented to the library from citizens of Concord, state and city officers, members of Congress, and the executive departments at Washington.

Nearly four hundred volumes of the above were the gift of William P. Fowler, Esq., among which was a nearly perfect file of the *North American Review* from January, 1820, to January, 1866, including nineteen bound volumes, the remainder being in the original quarterly numbers.

This gift has recently been supplemented by the gift of another file of the same from January, 1866, to January, 1878, by Samuel C. Eastman, Esq., making, with the numbers already in possession of the library, an almost unbroken file of the *Review* for seventy years.

## THE READING-ROOM.

has been open every day through the year on week-days, through library hours, and on Sunday from one to five o'clock, p. m.

Probably forty persons per day, on an average, have availed themselves of its use on week-days. The Sunday attendance has been much smaller.

Copies of the leading American magazines are placed on the table when received, and the following newspapers are placed on the files :

*Dailies.*

Concord Evening Monitor ; People and Patriot.  
Boston Journal ; Traveller ; Herald.  
New York Tribune ; Sun ; Herald.  
Philadelphia Times.  
Atlanta Constitution.  
Chicago Tribune.

*Tri- Weekly.*

London Mail.

*Weeklies.*

Springfield Republican.  
St. Louis Globe-Democrat.  
Louisville Courier-Journal.  
New Orleans Picayune.

The Oregonian.  
West Shore.  
Public Opinion.

*Illustrated Weeklies.*

Harper's Weekly.  
Frank Leslie's.  
Scientific American.  
London News.

*Monthlies.*

The Unitarian.  
Shaker Manifesto.

The Oregonian and West Shore weeklies, and the Unitarian and Shaker Manifesto monthlies, are presented to the reading-room.

PERIODICALS.

The following list of periodicals has been ordered for the coming year to supply the increasing demand for magazine literature :

Harper's New Monthly.  
The Century.  
Lippincott's Magazine and Scribner's Monthly, 5 copies each.  
St. Nicholas and Wide-Awake, 4 copies each.  
The Atlantic Monthly.  
Overland Monthly.  
The Cosmopolitan.  
The Forum.  
North American Review and Popular Science Monthly, 3 copies each.  
The Outing and The New England Magazine, 2 copies each.  
New England Hist. and Gen. Register.  
Magazine of American History.  
Granite Monthly and Andover Review, 1 copy each.

These are issued instead of books to such patrons as may wish for them.

Respectfully submitted,

D. F. SECOMB, *Librarian.*

January 1, 1890.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

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*To the City Council:*

The balance in the hands of the Treasurer, January 1, 1889, was \$168.85, to which have been added appropriations, \$1,200, a special to meet the extra expenses of the previous year, and regular of \$4,000, and sale of books \$4.75, making a total of \$5,373.60, as available funds for the purposes of the library.

Of this sum \$5,127.90 has been expended as per itemized account in the expenses of the city, leaving a balance of \$358.20 in the hands of the Treasurer.

### BALANCE SHEET.

| DR.                        |   |            |
|----------------------------|---|------------|
| Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1889, | . | \$168.85   |
| Received from city,        | . | 5,200.00   |
| "    sale of books,        | . | 4.75       |
|                            |   | \$5,373.60 |
| CR.                        |   |            |
| Paid as per city account,  | . | \$5,127.90 |
| Cash on hand,              | . | 245.70     |
|                            |   | \$5,373.60 |

### TRUST ACCOUNT.

| DR.                               |   |          |
|-----------------------------------|---|----------|
| Received interest on Pierce fund, | . | \$52.50  |
| "    "    Lyon fund,              | . | 60.00    |
|                                   |   | \$112.50 |
| CR.                               |   |          |
| By cash on hand,                  | . | \$112.50 |

Respectfully submitted,

WM. P. FISKE.

*Treasurer.*



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# PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES.

*To the City Council:*

The Trustees of the Concord Public Library view with gratification the good work accomplished by the library. Each year shows a well marked gain over its predecessor, both in the number and the class of books taken, and also in the amount of reading and consultation done within the building. The reference room is fast increasing, and must soon be recognized as one of the most important educational factors in the city.

The trustees commend the report of the librarian to your consideration, and trust that its suggestions may meet with your official approval.

Very respectfully,

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| ABIAL ROLFE,        | WARD 1. |
| JOSEPH T. CLOUGH,   | " 2.    |
| PAUL R. HOLDEN,     | " 3.    |
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| WILLIAM W. FLINT,   | " 7.    |



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## *To the Board of Trustees:*

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### CIRCULATION OF BOOKS.

*Daily and Weekly Issue of Books from January 1 to June 30, 1890, both dates inclusive.*

|                              | Mon. | Tues. | Wed. | Thur. | Fri. | Sat.  | Days. | Total. |
|------------------------------|------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|-------|--------|
| Jan. 1 to Jan. 4, inclusive, |      |       | 216  | 261   | 350  | 581   | 4     | 1408   |
| Week ending Jan. 11,         | 269  | 369   | 257  | 169   | 283  | 531   | 6     | 1878   |
| " " " 18,                    | 248  | 468   | 165  | 215   | 353  | 698   | 6     | 2147   |
| " " " 25,                    | 242  | 346   | 205  | 247   | 333  | 701   | 6     | 2074   |
| " " Feb. 1,                  | 202  | 386   | 295  | 218   | 297  | 792   | 6     | 2190   |
| " " " 8,                     | 265  | 361   | 268  | 246   | 312  | 406   | 6     | 1858   |
| " " " 15,                    | 383  | 396   | 253  | 269   | 333  | 734   | 6     | 2368   |
| " " " 22,                    | 230  | 323   | 279  | 151   | 291  | 742   | 6     | 2016   |
| " " Mar. 1,                  | 310  | 300   | 249  | 306   | 205  | 919   | 6     | 2289   |
| " " " 8,                     | 233  | 456   | 260  | 113   | 378  | 863   | 6     | 2303   |
| " " " 15,                    | 296  | 299   | 388  | 278   | 257  | 688   | 6     | 2206   |
| " " " 22,                    | 351  | 448   | 219  | 307   | 335  | 607   | 6     | 2267   |
| " " " 29,                    | 437  | 403   | 295  | 274   | 350  | 740   | 6     | 2499   |
| " " Apr. 5,                  | 291  | 402   | 284  | 35    | 316  | 894   | 6     | 2222   |
| " " " 12,                    | 246  | 415   | 177  | 309   | 377  | 728   | 6     | 2252   |
| " " " 19,                    | 194  | 340   | 216  | 176   | 327  | 680   | 6     | 1933   |
| " " " 26,                    | 208  | 320   | 180  | 188   | 309  | 717   | 6     | 1922   |
| " " May 3,                   | 264  | 321   | 89   | 137   | 361  | 677   | 6     | 1849   |
| " " " 10,                    | 202  | 248   | 247  | 142   | 327  | 601   | 6     | 1767   |
| " " " 17,                    | 213  | 321   | 130  | 158   | 304  | 681   | 6     | 1807   |
| " " " 24,                    | 193  | 222   | 254  | 166   | 282  | 584   | 6     | 1701   |
| " " " 31,                    | 132  | 226   | 304  | 150   | 99   | 711   | 6     | 1622   |
| " " June 7,                  | 199  | 265   | 195  | 154   | 343  | 650   | 6     | 1806   |
| " " " 14,                    | 199  | 243   | 127  | 171   | 262  | 620   | 6     | 1622   |
| " " " 21,                    | 166  | 230   | 125  | 136   | 285  | 587   | 6     | 1529   |
| " " " 28,                    | 197  | 296   | 170  | 175   | 309  | 499   | 6     | 1646   |
| June 30,                     | 234  |       |      |       |      |       | 1     | 234    |
|                              | 6404 | 8404  | 5847 | 5151  | 7978 | 17631 | 155   | 51415  |

*Daily and Weekly Issue of Books from July 1 to Dec. 31, 1890,  
both dates inclusive.*

|                              | Mon. | Tues. | Wed. | Thur. | Fri. | Sat.  | Days. | Total. |
|------------------------------|------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|-------|--------|
| July 1 to July 5, inclusive, |      | 253   | 218  | 155   | 10   | 653   | 5     | 1289   |
| Week ending July 12,         | 188  | 304   | 199  | 174   | 271  | 526   | 6     | 1662   |
| " " " 19,                    | 160  | 254   | 172  | 171   | 289  | 500   | 6     | 1546   |
| " " " 26,                    | 184  | 286   | 137  | 144   | 153  | 666   | 6     | 1570   |
| " " Aug. 2,                  | 189  | 290   | 134  | 183   | 248  | 265   | 6     | 1309   |
| " " " 9,                     | 150  | 292   | 145  | 183   | 269  | 351   | 6     | 1390   |
| " " " 16,                    | 165  | 319   | 175  | 141   | 269  | 251   | 6     | 1320   |
| " " " 23,                    | 212  | 277   | 146  | 161   | 250  | 286   | 6     | 1332   |
| " " " 30,                    | 169  | 275   | 170  | 173   | 254  | 335   | 6     | 1376   |
| " " Sept. 6,                 | 261  | 347   | 197  | 181   | 287  | 420   | 6     | 1693   |
| " " " 13,                    | 226  | 244   | 159  | 232   | 262  | 544   | 6     | 1667   |
| " " " 20,                    | 186  | 318   | 126  | 243   | 259  | 543   | 6     | 1675   |
| " " " 27,                    | 219  | 279   | 188  | 186   | 203  | 628   | 6     | 1703   |
| " " Oct. 4,                  | 186  | 272   | 161  | 151   | 277  | 534   | 6     | 1581   |
| " " " 11,                    | 235  | 221   | 202  | 184   | 271  | 558   | 6     | 1671   |
| " " " 18,                    | 204  | 229   | 247  | 176   | 124  | 792   | 6     | 1772   |
| " " " 25,                    | 201  | 340   | 187  | 186   | 182  | 718   | 6     | 1814   |
| " " Nov. 1,                  | 252  | 286   | 114  | 225   | 285  | 616   | 6     | 1778   |
| " " " 8,                     | 236  | 212   | 306  | 195   | 253  | 671   | 6     | 1873   |
| " " " 15,                    | 259  | 238   | 178  | 245   | 347  | 539   | 6     | 1806   |
| " " " 22,                    | 151  | 419   | 177  | 179   | 349  | 653   | 6     | 1928   |
| " " " 29,                    | 220  | 332   | 236  | 12    | 317  | 659   | 6     | 1776   |
| " " Dec. 6,                  | 195  | 308   | 173  | 246   | 291  | 523   | 6     | 1736   |
| " " " 13,                    | 275  | 362   | 157  | 179   | 261  | 634   | 6     | 1868   |
| " " " 20,                    | 208  | 323   | 179  | 137   | 263  | 601   | 6     | 1711   |
| " " " 27,                    | 207  | 291   | 181  | 7     | 210  | 691   | 6     | 1587   |
| Dec. 29, 30, 31,             | 261  | 374   | 228  |       |      |       | 3     | 863    |
|                              | 5399 | 7945  | 4892 | 4449  | 6454 | 14157 | 158   | 43296  |

## SUMMARY.

|                          | Mon.   | Tues.  | Wed.   | Thur. | Fri.   | Sat.   | Days. | Total. |
|--------------------------|--------|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|-------|--------|
| Jan. 1 to June 30, inc., | 6404   | 8404   | 5847   | 5151  | 7978   | 17631  | 155   | 51415  |
| July 1 to Dec. 31, inc., | 5399   | 7945   | 4892   | 4449  | 6454   | 14157  | 158   | 43296  |
|                          | 11,803 | 16,349 | 10,739 | 9,600 | 14,432 | 31,788 | 313   | 94,711 |

## SUMMARY, 1889.

|                          | Mon.   | Tues.  | Wed.   | Thur. | Fri.   | Sat.   | Days. | Total  |
|--------------------------|--------|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|-------|--------|
| Jan. 1 to June 30, inc., | 6398   | 9213   | 5767   | 5224  | 8925   | 16781  | 155   | 52307  |
| July 1 to Dec. 31, inc., | 5840   | 7738   | 4463   | 4211  | 7646   | 12584  | 158   | 42752  |
|                          | 12,238 | 16,951 | 10,230 | 9,435 | 16,571 | 29,635 | 313   | 95,059 |

Included in the number of books issued in 1889, 9,601 were sent to Penacook and Boscawen, and in 1890, 9,338, as follows :

|             | 1889. | 1890. |            | 1889. | 1890. |
|-------------|-------|-------|------------|-------|-------|
| In January, | 1011  | 881   | In July,   | 689   | 685   |
| February,   | 973   | 701   | August,    | 551   | 750   |
| March,      | 1015  | 949   | September, | 595   | 796   |
| April,      | 917   | 886   | October,   | 718   | 789   |
| May,        | 832   | 799   | November,  | 769   | 612   |
| June,       | 696   | 697   | December,  | 835   | 793   |

#### BOOKS ADDED.

Fourteen hundred volumes have been purchased, and three hundred volumes have been received as donations to the library, from various sources, during the past year.

#### THE READING-ROOM

has been open every week-day during library hours, and on every Sunday from one to five o'clock P. M. Latterly, the Sunday readers have increased in numbers, while the number on other days has not diminished.

#### THE REFERENCE-ROOM

has been open every week-day since the first day of June last from two to six o'clock P. M., for the use of the teachers and scholars in the city schools, and others who wished to consult the books. This department is now well patronized, and the thousand and one questions asked by its patrons have been answered, so far as practicable, by the assistant librarian in charge.

The last general catalogue of the library was issued in 1884, and contained a list of the books up to the time of its publication. Since that time seven supplements to the catalogue have been issued, and there is matter on hand for another, making eight or more separate catalogues of books now in the library, requiring possibly a search through every one to find any particular book. As a remedy for this, I would recommend that the supplements be condensed into one volume, and that the original catalogue be suffered to remain unchanged, thus reduc-

*Miss Brown*

ing the number of catalogues to two, which may be done with but little expense besides the printing.

The rooms in the basement story of the library building should, as soon as possible, be put in order for the reception and storage of the government documents now kept in the upper book-room, as the shelves now occupied by them will be wanted for books used in the circulating library.

The opening of the reference-library for the accommodation of the scholars in the public schools and others has added to the task of the librarian and his assistants, and the employment of an assistant to take charge of this part of the work seems desirable. This subject is recommended to your consideration.

Respectfully submitted :

D. F. SECOMB,

January 1, 1891.

*Librarian.*

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

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*To the City Council:*

The balance in the hands of the Treasurer, January 1, 1890, was \$358.20, to which has been added the city appropriation of \$5,000, and receipts from the library amounting to \$71.72, making a total of \$5,429.92, as available funds for the purposes of the library.

Of this sum \$5,000 has been expended as per itemized account in the expenses of the city, and \$367.70 from the funds in the hands of the Treasurer, in addition to the appropriations, leaving a balance of \$62.22 on hand.

### BALANCE SHEET.

#### DR.

|                                     |            |  |
|-------------------------------------|------------|--|
| Cash on hand January 1, 1890, . . . | \$358.20   |  |
| Received from city, . . . . .       | 5,000.00   |  |
| "    sale of catalogues, &c., . . . | 71.72      |  |
|                                     | \$5,429.92 |  |

#### CR.

|                                      |            |  |
|--------------------------------------|------------|--|
| Paid as per itemized account, . . .  | \$5,000.00 |  |
| "    J. E. Abbee, account books, . . | 367.70     |  |
| Cash on hand, . . . . .              | 62.22      |  |
|                                      | \$5,429.92 |  |

### TRUST ACCOUNT.

#### DR.

|                                       |          |  |
|---------------------------------------|----------|--|
| Received interest on Pierce fund, . . | \$52.50  |  |
| "    "    Lyon fund, . . . . .        | 60.00    |  |
|                                       | \$112.50 |  |

#### CR.

|                              |          |
|------------------------------|----------|
| By paid for books, . . . . . | \$112.50 |
|------------------------------|----------|

Respectfully submitted:

WM. P. FISKE,  
*Treasurer.*

PUBLIC LIBRARY,

CONCORD, N. H.

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REPORTS

OF THE

TRUSTEES, LIBRARIAN, AND TREASURER,

FOR THE YEAR 1891.

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CONCORD:

REPUBLICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION, RAILROAD SQUARE.

1892.





# PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES.

*To the City Council :*

The Trustees of the Public Library respectfully call your attention to the accompanying reports of the librarian and the treasurer, as showing the condition and the needs of the institution.

The extensive public patronage of the library continues to give assurance of the high estimation in which it is held, not only as affording wholesome enjoyment and happiness to all classes of the community, but as an important addition to the success of popular education supplied by our most excellent school system.

It is to be sincerely hoped that liberal assistance will continue to be given by the city to the maintenance and prosperity of an institution which has become indispensable to the welfare of our people.

Very respectfully,

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| CHARLES H. SANDERS, | WARD 1. |
| JOSEPH T. CLOUGH,   | " 2.    |
| PAUL R. HOLDEN,     | " 3.    |
| WILLIAM L. FOSTER,  | " 4.    |
| CHARLES R. CORNING, | " 5.    |
| JAMES S. NORRIS,    | " 6.    |
| WILLIAM W. FLINT,   | " 7.    |

## REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

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### *To the Board of Trustees :*

The library has been open every week-day of the past year, and the daily and weekly issue of books has been as follows :

### CIRCULATION OF BOOKS.

*Daily and Weekly Issue of Books from January 1 to June 30, 1891,  
both dates inclusive.*

|                              | Mon. | Tues. | Wed. | Thur. | Fri. | Sat.  | Days. | Total. |
|------------------------------|------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|-------|--------|
| Jan. 1 to Jan. 3, inclusive, |      |       |      | 178   | 271  | 700   | 3     | 1149   |
| Week ending Jan. 10,         | 194  | 365   | 212  | 222   | 283  | 691   | 6     | 1967   |
| " " " 17,                    | 194  | 407   | 204  | 232   | 338  | 550   | 6     | 1925   |
| " " " 24,                    | 317  | 383   | 243  | 93    | 391  | 743   | 6     | 2170   |
| " " " 31,                    | 306  | 353   | 251  | 169   | 414  | 769   | 6     | 2262   |
| " " Feb. 7,                  | 269  | 312   | 72   | 166   | 442  | 684   | 6     | 1945   |
| " " " 14,                    | 191  | 415   | 272  | 231   | 390  | 674   | 6     | 2173   |
| " " " 21,                    | 306  | 277   | 288  | 211   | 283  | 779   | 6     | 2144   |
| " " " 28,                    | 164  | 487   | 230  | 215   | 293  | 748   | 6     | 2137   |
| " " Mar. 7,                  | 271  | 438   | 142  | 220   | 394  | 834   | 6     | 2299   |
| " " " 14,                    | 201  | 343   | 398  | 223   | 162  | 792   | 6     | 2119   |
| " " " 21,                    | 299  | 394   | 296  | 218   | 366  | 638   | 6     | 2211   |
| " " " 28,                    | 333  | 433   | 270  | 255   | 361  | 671   | 6     | 2323   |
| " " Apr. 4,                  | 219  | 336   | 221  | 68    | 208  | 918   | 6     | 1970   |
| " " " 11,                    | 269  | 418   | 229  | 209   | 334  | 595   | 6     | 2054   |
| " " " 18,                    | 246  | 304   | 192  | 187   | 299  | 560   | 6     | 1788   |
| " " " 25,                    | 254  | 272   | 171  | 169   | 323  | 648   | 6     | 1837   |
| " " May 2,                   | 154  | 285   | 211  | 181   | 122  | 703   | 6     | 1656   |
| " " " 9,                     | 204  | 362   | 202  | 171   | 289  | 614   | 6     | 1842   |
| " " " 16,                    | 169  | 304   | 170  | 83    | 259  | 585   | 6     | 1570   |
| " " " 23,                    | 248  | 235   | 182  | 132   | 316  | 660   | 6     | 1773   |
| " " " 30,                    | 159  | 253   | 196  | 166   | 235  | 334   | 6     | 1343   |
| " " June 6,                  | 229  | 277   | 216  | 202   | 264  | 575   | 6     | 1763   |
| " " " 13,                    | 180  | 223   | 167  | 126   | 236  | 517   | 6     | 1449   |
| " " " 20,                    | 110  | 223   | 213  | 122   | 342  | 605   | 6     | 1615   |
| " " " 27,                    | 163  | 232   | 200  | 158   | 217  | 590   | 6     | 1560   |
| To June 30, inclusive,       | 194  | 256   |      |       |      |       | 2     | 450    |
|                              | 5843 | 8587  | 5448 | 4607  | 7832 | 17177 | 155   | 49494  |

*Daily and Weekly Issue of Books from July 1 to December 31, 1891,  
both dates inclusive.*

|                              | Mon. | Tues. | Wed. | Thur. | Fri. | Sat.  | Days. | Total. |
|------------------------------|------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|-------|--------|
| July 1 to July 4, inclusive, |      |       | 192  | 138   | 384  | 57    | 4     | 771    |
| Week ending July 11,         | 309  | 271   | 207  | 194   | 225  | 512   | 6     | 1718   |
| " " " 18,                    | 174  | 235   | 136  | 223   | 247  | 383   | 6     | 1398   |
| " " " 25,                    | 223  | 294   | 134  | 156   | 280  | 474   | 6     | 1561   |
| " " Aug. 1,                  | 206  | 246   | 171  | 149   | 290  | 451   | 6     | 1513   |
| " " " 8,                     | 131  | 236   | 176  | 145   | 223  | 303   | 6     | 1214   |
| " " " 15,                    | 175  | 220   | 181  | 132   | 261  | 235   | 6     | 1204   |
| " " " 22,                    | 203  | 235   | 202  | 147   | 216  | 276   | 6     | 1279   |
| " " " 29,                    | 168  | 282   | 175  | 127   | 228  | 402   | 6     | 1382   |
| " " Sept. 5,                 | 206  | 282   | 250  | 154   | 208  | 470   | 6     | 1570   |
| " " " 12,                    | 84   | 309   | 204  | 142   | 226  | 555   | 6     | 1520   |
| " " " 19,                    | 161  | 269   | 141  | 130   | 243  | 501   | 6     | 1445   |
| " " " 26,                    | 155  | 303   | 137  | 141   | 233  | 559   | 6     | 1528   |
| " " Oct. 3,                  | 153  | 221   | 201  | 182   | 240  | 536   | 6     | 1533   |
| " " " 10,                    | 186  | 254   | 158  | 170   | 238  | 547   | 6     | 1553   |
| " " " 17,                    | 188  | 228   | 173  | 130   | 236  | 551   | 6     | 1506   |
| " " " 24,                    | 201  | 184   | 215  | 170   | 219  | 549   | 6     | 1538   |
| " " " 31,                    | 172  | 245   | 184  | 163   | 283  | 528   | 6     | 1575   |
| " " Nov. 7,                  | 201  | 251   | 166  | 125   | 260  | 596   | 6     | 1599   |
| " " " 14,                    | 213  | 261   | 131  | 190   | 277  | 604   | 6     | 1676   |
| " " " 21,                    | 178  | 199   | 264  | 132   | 254  | 609   | 6     | 1636   |
| " " " 28,                    | 158  | 303   | 245  | 6     | 328  | 619   | 6     | 1659   |
| " " Dec. 5,                  | 152  | 363   | 189  | 164   | 237  | 655   | 6     | 1760   |
| " " " 12,                    | 190  | 307   | 195  | 189   | 281  | 620   | 6     | 1782   |
| " " " 19,                    | 231  | 200   | 209  | 134   | 246  | 526   | 6     | 1546   |
| " " " 26,                    | 202  | 299   | 110  | 127   | 5    | 484   | 6     | 1227   |
| To Dec. 31, inclusive,       | 276  | 373   | 174  | 123   |      |       | 4     | 946    |
|                              | 4896 | 6870  | 4920 | 3983  | 6368 | 12602 | 158   | 39639  |

**Summary.**

|                          | Mon.   | Tues.  | Wed.   | Thur. | Fri.   | Sat.   | Days. | Total. |
|--------------------------|--------|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|-------|--------|
| Jan. 1 to June 30, inc., | 5843   | 8587   | 5448   | 4607  | 7832   | 17177  | 155   | 49494  |
| July 1 to Dec. 31, inc., | 4896   | 6870   | 4920   | 3983  | 6368   | 12602  | 158   | 39639  |
|                          | 10,739 | 15,457 | 10,368 | 8,590 | 14,200 | 29,779 | 313   | 89,133 |

**Summary, 1890.**

|                          | Mon.   | Tues.  | Wed.   | Thur. | Fri.   | Sat.   | Days. | Total. |
|--------------------------|--------|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|-------|--------|
| Jan. 1 to June 30, inc., | 6404   | 8404   | 5847   | 5151  | 7978   | 17631  | 155   | 51415  |
| July 1 to Dec. 31, inc., | 5399   | 7945   | 4892   | 4449  | 6454   | 14157  | 158   | 43296  |
|                          | 11,803 | 16,349 | 10,739 | 9,600 | 14,432 | 31,788 | 313   | 94,711 |

Nine thousand and twenty of the whole number of books issued were sent to Penacook and Boscawen.

Nine thousand three hundred and thirty-eight books were sent to Penacook and Boscawen in 1890.

The books have been well cared for, on the way and at Penacook, by Messrs. Cunningham and Gale, who have had them in charge.

Eleven hundred volumes have been purchased, including many valuable books for the reference library; and four hundred books and pamphlets have been received from various sources as donations to the library.

The reading-room has been kept open every day, and continues to be well patronized.

The printing of a catalogue of the books added to the library since Nov. 1, 1884, is nearly completed; this will be used instead of the supplements and bulletins that have from time to time been issued.

Two hundred and twenty-five bound volumes of the popular magazines of the day have been procured and bound, as the commencement of a magazine reference library. Filled as these volumes are with the productions of the best writers and scholars of the times, their contents must be of great value; while publications like Poole's Index to periodical literature, and others of similar character, will make their treasures easily accessible.

Respectfully submitted:

DANIEL F. SECOMB,

*Librarian.*

December 31, 1891.

## REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

*To the City Council :*

The balance in the hands of the treasurer January 1, 1891, was \$62.22, to which has been added the city appropriation of \$6,000, and receipts from the library amounting to \$41.39, making a total of \$6,103.61 as available funds for the purposes of the library. Of this sum \$5,736.61 has been expended, as per itemized account in the expenses of the city, leaving a balance in the hands of the treasurer of \$367.00.

## BALANCE SHEET.

## Dr.

|   |                   |            |
|---|-------------------|------------|
| Cash on hand January 1, 1890, . . .       | \$62.22           |            |
| Received from city, . . . . .             | 6,000.00          |            |
| "    "    sale of catalogues, etc., . . . | 41.39             |            |
|   | <u>          </u> | \$6,103.61 |

## Cr.

|  |                   |            |
|--|-------------------|------------|
| Paid, as per itemized account, . . . . . | \$5,736.61        |            |
| Cash on hand, . . . . .                  | 367.00            |            |
|  | <u>          </u> | \$6,103.61 |

## TRUST ACCOUNT.

## Dr.

|                                    |                   |          |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|----------|
| Received from Lyon fund, . . . . . | \$60.00           |          |
| "    "    Pierce " . . . . .       | 42.50             |          |
|                                    | <u>          </u> | \$102.50 |

## Cr.

|                            |          |
|----------------------------|----------|
| By cash on hand, . . . . . | \$102.50 |
|----------------------------|----------|

Respectfully submitted :

W. P. FISKE,  
*Treasurer.*

December 31, 1891.



PUBLIC LIBRARY,

CONCORD, N. H.

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REPORTS

OF THE

TRUSTEES, LIBRARIAN, AND TREASURER,

FOR THE YEAR 1892.

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CONCORD, N. H.:

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1893.





# PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES.

*To the City Council :*

The trustees of the Public Library respectfully invite your attention to the accompanying reports of the librarian and the treasurer, showing in detail its condition, management, and financial situation.

The very extensive circulation of books, and the very large number of people who continue to avail themselves of the advantages of the reading-room and of the reference department, furnish the clearest indication of the favor with which the institution is regarded.

The action of the legislature of 1891 in the passage of an "Act to promote the establishment and efficiency of free public libraries," and the large number of towns that have taken advantage of the legislative provisions in that respect, as well as that manifest popularity of our own library, clearly establish the fact that such institutions are not merely luxuries, but have become necessities hardly less essential to the moral and the literary culture of the people than the church and the public schools.

We believe that our library contains every variety of useful and entertaining literature. Hardly any department is unrepresented therein to some extent.

As in every town and city, so here a large proportion of the reading public indulges in light literature, such as novels and stories. Imagination has not perished from the earth, and dull and heavy would society become if it ever should or could ; and, therefore, works of fancy continue to be in great demand. In this department we have endeavored to include only wholesome and harmless books, and we trust our endeavor has not been unsuccessful.

But the tastes and habits of life, and of study of all classes of men, women, and children, have been regarded in our selections.

Popular works, relating to the arts and sciences, mechanics, architecture, commerce, trade and manufactures, books of travels, ancient and modern history, biography, poetry, philosophy, politics, and religion, will be found upon our shelves; and therefore business men and professional men, farmers, mechanics, artisans, teachers, and men and women of leisure may confidently resort to the library with assurance of profit, education, and recreation.

The inevitable expenses of the institution (which we have endeavored to restrict as much as possible) leave but a small margin of funds for the purchase of books; and while we are grateful for your generosity in the past, we urgently ask that as large appropriations for the future may be made as are consistent with other municipal necessities.

The trustees, in behalf of the public, thankfully acknowledge the receipt from Mr. William P. and Miss Clara M. Fowler of excellent portraits of their father and mother, in memory of whom their munificent gift of the library building was made.

The zeal, industry, and efficiency of our librarian and his assistants continue to merit the highest commendation.

|                     |      |    |
|---------------------|------|----|
| CHARLES H. SANDERS, | WARD | 1. |
| JOSEPH T. CLOUGH,   | "    | 2. |
| PAUL R. HOLDEN,     | "    | 3. |
| WILLIAM L. FOSTER,  | "    | 4. |
| CHARLES R. CORNING, | "    | 5. |
| JAMES S. NORRIS,    | "    | 6. |
| WILLIAM W. FLINT,   | "    | 7. |

Concord, January, 1893.

## REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

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*To the Board of Trustees :*

The library has been open every working day during the past year, and the number of books delivered to its patrons each day and week during that time has been as follows :

### CIRCULATION OF BOOKS.

*From January 1 to June 30, both dates inclusive.*

|                              | Mon.  | Tues. | Wed.  | Thur. | Fri.  | Sat.   | Days. | Total. |
|------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|--------|
| Jan. 1 to Jan. 2, inclusive, |       |       |       |       | 282   | 463    | 2     | 745    |
| Week ending Jan. 9,          | 278   | 273   | 115   | 191   | 314   | 552    | 6     | 1723   |
| " " " 16,                    | 241   | 228   | 124   | 166   | 141   | 794    | 6     | 1694   |
| " " " 23,                    | 195   | 285   | 230   | 193   | 248   | 656    | 6     | 1807   |
| " " " 30,                    | 223   | 239   | 146   | 196   | 261   | 720    | 6     | 1785   |
| " " Feb. 6,                  | 216   | 326   | 174   | 189   | 308   | 645    | 6     | 1858   |
| " " " 13,                    | 218   | 325   | 212   | 102   | 375   | 643    | 6     | 1875   |
| " " " 20,                    | 253   | 329   | 173   | 210   | 340   | 628    | 6     | 1933   |
| " " " 27,                    | 124   | 444   | 227   | 171   | 319   | 744    | 6     | 2029   |
| " " Mar. 5,                  | 262   | 370   | 175   | 134   | 436   | 658    | 6     | 2035   |
| " " " 12,                    | 263   | 224   | 336   | 195   | 215   | 810    | 6     | 2043   |
| " " " 19,                    | 261   | 427   | 259   | 210   | 169   | 734    | 6     | 2060   |
| " " " 26,                    | 325   | 429   | 148   | 285   | 339   | 646    | 6     | 2172   |
| " " Apr. 2,                  | 269   | 341   | 225   | 217   | 287   | 664    | 6     | 2003   |
| " " " 9,                     | 227   | 266   | 196   | 37    | 307   | 667    | 6     | 1700   |
| " " " 16,                    | 221   | 323   | 186   | 177   | 261   | 550    | 6     | 1718   |
| " " " 23,                    | 201   | 279   | 161   | 115   | 261   | 623    | 6     | 1640   |
| " " " 30,                    | 189   | 286   | 138   | 127   | 317   | 163    | 6     | 1220   |
| " " May 7,                   | 226   | 289   | 235   | 191   | 262   | 634    | 6     | 1837   |
| " " " 14,                    | 183   | 299   | 107   | 204   | 278   | 517    | 6     | 1588   |
| " " " 21,                    | 214   | 279   | 171   | 168   | 158   | 501    | 6     | 1491   |
| " " " 28,                    | 285   | 288   | 178   | 173   | 257   | 577    | 6     | 1758   |
| " " June 4,                  | 20    | 288   | 149   | 130   | 286   | 569    | 6     | 1442   |
| " " " 11,                    | 163   | 215   | 137   | 149   | 280   | 504    | 6     | 1448   |
| " " " 18,                    | 102   | 175   | 178   | 139   | 213   | 599    | 6     | 1406   |
| " " " 25,                    | 136   | 202   | 170   | 139   | 237   | 500    | 6     | 1384   |
| 4 days ending June 30,       | 163   | 229   | 114   | 154   |       |        | 4     | 660    |
|                              | 5,458 | 7,658 | 4,664 | 4,362 | 7,151 | 15,761 | 156   | 45,054 |

*From July 1 to December 31, both dates inclusive.*

|                              | Mon.  | Tues. | Wed.  | Thur. | Fri.  | Sat.   | Days. | Total. |
|------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|--------|
| July 1 to July 2, inclusive, |       |       |       |       | 305   | 446    | 2     | 751    |
| Week ending July 9,          | 26    | 262   | 180   | 153   | 299   | 477    | 6     | 1397   |
| " " " 16,                    | 173   | 207   | 134   | 162   | 236   | 536    | 6     | 1448   |
| " " " 23,                    | 162   | 257   | 185   | 152   | 226   | 462    | 6     | 1444   |
| " " " 30,                    | 124   | 227   | 160   | 108   | 207   | 453    | 6     | 1279   |
| " " Aug. 6,                  | 176   | 219   | 133   | 126   | 235   | 288    | 6     | 1177   |
| " " " 13,                    | 208   | 215   | 126   | 113   | 181   | 424    | 6     | 1267   |
| " " " 20,                    | 200   | 241   | 139   | 116   | 251   | 320    | 6     | 1267   |
| " " " 27,                    | 207   | 248   | 177   | 76    | 231   | 315    | 6     | 1254   |
| " " Sept. 3,                 | 191   | 277   | 172   | 195   | 213   | 459    | 6     | 1507   |
| " " " 10,                    | 7     | 326   | 156   | 165   | 258   | 472    | 6     | 1384   |
| " " " 17,                    | 123   | 235   | 69    | 142   | 263   | 517    | 6     | 1349   |
| " " " 24,                    | 171   | 232   | 136   | 161   | 245   | 473    | 6     | 1418   |
| " " Oct. 1,                  | 188   | 224   | 163   | 166   | 254   | 547    | 6     | 1542   |
| " " " 8,                     | 123   | 232   | 152   | 137   | 228   | 536    | 6     | 1408   |
| " " " 15,                    | 166   | 257   | 165   | 103   | 202   | 554    | 6     | 1447   |
| " " " 22,                    | 157   | 235   | 172   | 163   | 20    | 711    | 6     | 1458   |
| " " " 29,                    | 200   | 239   | 102   | 158   | 244   | 517    | 6     | 1460   |
| " " Nov. 5,                  | 200   | 277   | 87    | 142   | 217   | 564    | 6     | 1487   |
| " " " 12,                    | 240   | 28    | 359   | 93    | 298   | 582    | 6     | 1600   |
| " " " 19,                    | 146   | 197   | 152   | 219   | 218   | 593    | 6     | 1525   |
| " " " 26,                    | 196   | 225   | 256   | 17    | 311   | 603    | 6     | 1608   |
| " " Dec. 3,                  | 179   | 294   | 114   | 174   | 279   | 590    | 6     | 1630   |
| " " " 10,                    | 206   | 301   | 161   | 103   | 304   | 605    | 6     | 1680   |
| " " " 17,                    | 183   | 259   | 121   | 184   | 251   | 584    | 6     | 1582   |
| " " " 24,                    | 157   | 248   | 171   | 114   | 236   | 232    | 6     | 1158   |
| " " " 31,                    | 15    | 364   | 252   | 167   | 300   | 540    | 6     | 1638   |
|                              | 4,124 | 6,326 | 4,194 | 3,609 | 6,512 | 13,400 | 158   | 38,165 |

**Summary, 1892.**

|                          | Mon.  | Tues.  | Wed.  | Thur. | Fri.   | Sat.   | Days. | Total. |
|--------------------------|-------|--------|-------|-------|--------|--------|-------|--------|
| Jan. 1 to June 30, inc., | 5458  | 7658   | 4664  | 4362  | 7151   | 15761  | 156   | 45054  |
| July 1 to Dec. 31, inc., | 4124  | 6326   | 4194  | 3609  | 6512   | 13400  | 158   | 38165  |
|                          | 9,582 | 13,984 | 8,858 | 7,971 | 13,663 | 29,161 | 314   | 83,219 |

**Summary, 1891.**

|                          | Mon.   | Tues.  | Wed.   | Thur. | Fri.   | Sat.   | Days. | Total. |
|--------------------------|--------|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|-------|--------|
| Jan. 1 to June 30, inc., | 5843   | 8587   | 5448   | 4607  | 7832   | 17177  | 155   | 49494  |
| July 1 to Dec. 31, inc., | 4896   | 6870   | 4920   | 3983  | 6368   | 12602  | 158   | 39639  |
|                          | 10,739 | 15,457 | 10,368 | 8,590 | 14,200 | 29,779 | 313   | 89,133 |

Eight thousand eight hundred and sixty-one of the books given out have been sent to Penacook in the care of Mr. N. S. Gale. These books are exchanged on Tuesday and Friday of each week.

The reading-room, furnished with newspapers and magazines for all classes of its patrons, has been open every day during the year, and is well patronized.

Eight hundred books have been purchased during the year; 79 books and 162 pamphlets, including reports of government officers, maps illustrating the official records of the Civil War, and magazines have been received as donations; also catalogues and reports have been received in exchange with other libraries.

We have again been kindly remembered by Mr. William P. Fowler and Miss Clara M. Fowler in the presentation of fine portraits of their parents, Hon. Asa Fowler and Mrs. Mary C. K. Fowler.

The library now contains 18,500 volumes;—of these, 11,500 volumes are books for circulation; 2,000 volumes, including books for reference, local history, and biography, are included in the reference library, and the balance, made up largely of government publications, are seldom, most of them never, called for, which take up a large amount of room on the shelves in the upper book-room and balcony. A room should be finished and furnished in the basement for their storage, and provision made for its warming and lighting when necessary. This or some other provision for their keeping must be made soon, as the shelves in the lower book-room are already crowded with books of the circulating library, and the shelves in the upper book-room and balcony are needed for the proper accommodation of additional books for the circulating and reference departments.

Respectfully submitted:

D. F. SECOMB,  
*Librarian.*

January 2, 1893.

## REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

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### *To the City Council:*

The balance in the hands of the treasurer, January 1, 1892, was \$367, to which has been added the city appropriation of \$6,000, and receipts from the library amounting to \$43.73, making a total of \$6,410.73 as available funds for the purposes of the library.

Of this sum \$6,000 has been expended as per itemized account in the expenses of the city, and \$310.62 from the funds on hand, leaving a balance in the hands of the treasurer of \$100.11.

### BALANCE SHEET.

#### DR.

|                               |   |   |          |            |
|-------------------------------|---|---|----------|------------|
| Cash on hand January 1, 1892, | . | . | \$367.00 |            |
| Received from city,           | . | . | 6,000.00 |            |
| “ sale of catalogues, etc.,   | . | . | 43.73    |            |
|                               |   |   | <hr/>    | \$6,410.73 |

#### CR.

|                                 |   |   |            |            |
|---------------------------------|---|---|------------|------------|
| Paid as per itemized account,   | . | . | \$6,000.00 |            |
| “ Republican Press Association, | . | . | 310.62     |            |
| Cash on hand,                   | . | . | 100.11     |            |
|                                 |   |   | <hr/>      | \$6,410.73 |

### TRUST ACCOUNT.

#### DR.

|                          |   |   |          |          |
|--------------------------|---|---|----------|----------|
| Cash on hand,            | . | . | \$102.50 |          |
| Received from Lyon fund, | . | . | 60.00    |          |
| “ Pierce fund,           | . | . | 41.25    |          |
|                          |   |   | <hr/>    | \$203.75 |

#### CR.

|                    |   |   |          |  |
|--------------------|---|---|----------|--|
| By paid for books, | . | . | \$203.75 |  |
|--------------------|---|---|----------|--|

Respectfully submitted:

WILLIAM P. FISKE,

*Treasurer.*



# PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES.

*To the City Council:*

The trustees of the Public Library present herewith the report of the librarian, which contains a full account of the work done by that institution during the past year.

It is with deep regret that we mention the death of our friend and colleague, Joseph T. Clough, who has faithfully served the public as a member of this board for twenty consecutive years. His interest in the welfare of the library always has been active, his counsel prudent, and his assistance helpful.

The day has passed when, in towns of this size, public libraries were considered mere conveniencies, or even luxuries, when money was spent upon them niggardly, when they were open to the public only on certain days, or but a short time each day, while the shelves contained few books of value, with a relatively large amount of inferior literature. To-day a well selected and voluminous library is a necessity in every intelligent community like this. Not merely does it furnish means of amusement for an idle hour, but it has an educational influence hardly second to that of the public schools. An examination of the librarian's report, and of the past history of this institution, will show that the generous appropriations heretofore made for its support have been wise and judicious, and we earnestly recommend the same liberality in the future.

Very respectfully,

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| CHARLES H. SANDERS, | WARD 1. |
| JOHN E. FRYE,       | " 2.    |
| PAUL R. HOLDEN,     | " 3.    |
| WILLIAM L. FOSTER,  | " 4.    |
| AMOS J. SHURTLEFF,  | " 5.    |
| JAMES S. NORRIS,    | " 6.    |
| WILLIAM W. FLINT,   | " 7.    |

## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

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*To the Board of Trustees:*

### ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY.

Twelve hundred and seventy-eight books have been bought, and sixty-five have been received as donations for the use of the library during the past year.

Seventy pamphlets and maps have also been received as donations to the library.

Five hundred and twenty-four books have been discarded, many of them being imperfect, and most of them so badly worn as to be unfit for further use.

### CIRCULATION OF BOOKS AND MAGAZINES.

Eighty thousand four hundred and eighty-seven books and magazines have been given out, the daily and weekly circulation being as follows:

*From January 1 to June 30.*

|                     | Mon. | Tues. | Wed. | Thur. | Fri. | Sat. | Days. | Total. |
|---------------------|------|-------|------|-------|------|------|-------|--------|
| Week ending Jan. 7, | 190  | 245   | 178  | 166   | 200  | 608  | 6     | 1587   |
| “ “ “ 14,           | 139  | 272   | 134  | 176   | 288  | 606  | 6     | 1615   |
| “ “ “ 21,           | 240  | 289   | 197  | 191   | 278  | 569  | 6     | 1764   |
| “ “ “ 28,           | 214  | 273   | 159  | 205   | 320  | 510  | 6     | 1681   |
| “ “ Feb. 4,         | 254  | 301   | 199  | 214   | 170  | 690  | 6     | 1828   |
| “ “ “ 11,           | 148  | 205   | 221  | 234   | 178  | 761  | 6     | 1747   |
| “ “ “ 18,           | 141  | 351   | 200  | 222   | 336  | 589  | 6     | 1839   |
| “ “ “ 25,           | 48   | 326   | 83   | 288   | 376  | 710  | 6     | 1831   |
| “ “ Mar. 4,         | 249  | 348   | 206  | 222   | 320  | 597  | 6     | 1942   |
| “ “ “ 11,           | 229  | 355   | 211  | 146   | 362  | 667  | 6     | 1970   |
| “ “ “ 18,           | 239  | 286   | 253  | 177   | 369  | 604  | 6     | 1928   |
| “ “ “ 25,           | 225  | 303   | 229  | 203   | 333  | 640  | 6     | 1960   |
| “ “ Apr. 1,         | 245  | 357   | 233  | 153   | 321  | 632  | 6     | 1941   |
| “ “ “ 8,            | 229  | 309   | 254  | 72    | 266  | 765  | 6     | 1895   |
| “ “ “ 15,           | 211  | 339   | 189  | 150   | 279  | 476  | 6     | 1644   |
| “ “ “ 22,           | 252  | 318   | 197  | 137   | 162  | 746  | 6     | 1812   |
| “ “ “ 29,           | 192  | 289   | 155  | 141   | 320  | 618  | 6     | 1715   |

|                        | Mon.  | Tues. | Wed.  | Thur. | Fri.  | Sat.   | Days. | Total. |
|------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|--------|
| Week ending May 6,     | 144   | 245   | 160   | 135   | 332   | 565    | 6     | 1581   |
| “ “ “ 13,              | 162   | 251   | 143   | 80    | 249   | 570    | 6     | 1455   |
| “ “ “ 20,              | 155   | 232   | 180   | 185   | 263   | 548    | 6     | 1563   |
| “ “ “ 27,              | 144   | 210   | 171   | 126   | 230   | 540    | 6     | 1421   |
| “ “ June 3,            | 143   | 17    | 279   | 156   | 212   | 563    | 6     | 1370   |
| “ “ “ 10,              | 132   | 181   | 152   | 122   | 224   | 496    | 6     | 1307   |
| “ “ “ 17,              | 146   | 238   | 109   | 103   | 190   | 483    | 6     | 1269   |
| “ “ “ 24,              | 120   | 219   | 129   | 149   | 129   | 566    | 6     | 1312   |
| 5 days ending June 30, | 185   | 224   | 134   | 161   | 225   |        | 5     | 929    |
|                        | 4,803 | 6,983 | 4,755 | 4,314 | 6,932 | 15,119 | 155   | 42,906 |

*From July 1 to December 31.*

|                     | Mon.  | Tues. | Wed.  | Thur. | Fri.  | Sat.   | Days. | Total. |
|---------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|--------|
| July 1,             |       |       |       |       |       | 405    | 1     | 405    |
| Week ending July 8, | 190   | 21    | 189   | 189   | 275   | 361    | 6     | 1225   |
| “ “ “ 15,           | 227   | 197   | 117   | 138   | 250   | 386    | 6     | 1315   |
| “ “ “ 22,           | 153   | 238   | 121   | 123   | 205   | 324    | 6     | 1164   |
| “ “ “ 29,           | 224   | 206   | 152   | 167   | 264   | 402    | 6     | 1415   |
| “ “ Aug. 5,         | 170   | 203   | 115   | 118   | 231   | 278    | 6     | 1115   |
| “ “ “ 12,           | 163   | 248   | 135   | 94    | 214   | 221    | 6     | 1075   |
| “ “ “ 19,           | 219   | 248   | 166   | 97    | 203   | 367    | 6     | 1300   |
| “ “ “ 26,           | 139   | 283   | 165   | 89    | 247   | 329    | 6     | 1252   |
| “ “ Sept. 2,        | 170   | 176   | 280   | 140   | 225   | 268    | 6     | 1259   |
| “ “ “ 9,            | 20    | 322   | 205   | 110   | 278   | 452    | 6     | 1387   |
| “ “ “ 16,           | 144   | 237   | 119   | 125   | 238   | 471    | 6     | 1334   |
| “ “ “ 23,           | 182   | 247   | 174   | 135   | 176   | 557    | 6     | 1471   |
| “ “ “ 30,           | 98    | 244   | 140   | 95    | 174   | 507    | 6     | 1258   |
| “ “ Oct. 7,         | 165   | 232   | 144   | 144   | 197   | 542    | 6     | 1424   |
| “ “ “ 14,           | 124   | 260   | 170   | 132   | 209   | 438    | 6     | 1333   |
| “ “ “ 21,           | 191   | 276   | 174   | 143   | 294   | 509    | 6     | 1587   |
| “ “ “ 28,           | 107   | 311   | 189   | 147   | 277   | 577    | 6     | 1608   |
| “ “ Nov. 4,         | 202   | 265   | 164   | 137   | 250   | 412    | 6     | 1430   |
| “ “ “ 11,           | 225   | 304   | 162   | 186   | 253   | 570    | 6     | 1700   |
| “ “ “ 18,           | 191   | 322   | 139   | 168   | 306   | 509    | 6     | 1635   |
| “ “ “ 25,           | 179   | 327   | 181   | 190   | 245   | 566    | 6     | 1688   |
| “ “ Dec. 2,         | 170   | 258   | 276   | 6     | 250   | 626    | 6     | 1586   |
| “ “ “ 9,            | 198   | 283   | 231   | 194   | 286   | 567    | 6     | 1759   |
| “ “ “ 16,           | 181   | 248   | 138   | 190   | 266   | 497    | 6     | 1520   |
| “ “ “ 23,           | 248   | 290   | 292   | 178   | 255   | 372    | 6     | 1635   |
| “ “ “ 30,           | 12    | 327   | 244   | 208   | 325   | 585    | 6     | 1701   |
|                     | 4,292 | 6,573 | 4,582 | 3,643 | 6,393 | 12,098 | 157   | 37,581 |

## Summary, 1893.

|                          | Mon.  | Tues.  | Wed.  | Thur. | Fri.   | Sat.   | Days. | Total. |
|--------------------------|-------|--------|-------|-------|--------|--------|-------|--------|
| Jan. 1 to June 30, inc., | 4803  | 6983   | 4755  | 4314  | 6932   | 15119  | 155   | 42906  |
| July 1 to Dec. 31, inc., | 4292  | 6573   | 4582  | 3643  | 6393   | 12098  | 157   | 37581  |
|                          | 9,095 | 13,556 | 9,337 | 7,957 | 13,325 | 27,217 | 312   | 80,487 |

## Summary, 1892.

|                          | Mon.  | Tues.  | Wed.  | Thur. | Fri.   | Sat.   | Days. | Total. |
|--------------------------|-------|--------|-------|-------|--------|--------|-------|--------|
| Jan. 1 to June 30, inc., | 5458  | 7658   | 4664  | 4362  | 7151   | 15761  | 156   | 45054  |
| July 1 to Dec. 31, inc., | 4124  | 6326   | 4194  | 3609  | 6512   | 13400  | 158   | 38165  |
|                          | 9,582 | 13,984 | 8,858 | 7,971 | 13,663 | 29,161 | 314   | 83,219 |

## PENACOOK BRANCH.

Boxes of books have been sent to Penacook on Tuesday and Friday of each week, the number in each month being as follows:

|                      |       |
|----------------------|-------|
| January, . . . . .   | 770   |
| February, . . . . .  | 659   |
| March, . . . . .     | 802   |
| April, . . . . .     | 705   |
| May, . . . . .       | 671   |
| June, . . . . .      | 628   |
| July, . . . . .      | 513   |
| August, . . . . .    | 673   |
| September, . . . . . | 695   |
| October, . . . . .   | 748   |
| November, . . . . .  | 642   |
| December, . . . . .  | 707   |
|                      | 8,213 |

## CHANGES IN THE LIBRARY ROOM.

A large and convenient storage room, for the reception of congressional documents and other publications but seldom called for, has been fitted up in the basement, which has relieved the crowded shelves in the stack-room, and seems well fitted for the use to which it is put, being dry and warm, with conveniences for lighting each alcove. Desirable improvements have also been made in lighting the alcoves and delivery room.

## THE REFERENCE ROOM

is frequently visited by many of our citizens, for the purpose of consulting the books, and it seems to be quite a help to the teachers and scholars in our schools in preparing their lessons.

Files of the current magazines are among the most valuable of the

reference books, and it is desirable that the collection should be increased as much as possible. In researches among the magazines, Poole's index is one of the greatest of time and labor saving machines.

#### THE READING ROOM

is also well patronized. Frequently every chair in the room is occupied by attentive readers of the newspapers and magazines to be found there.

#### REPAIRS NEEDED ON THE LIBRARY BUILDING.

The outside wood-work of the Library building needs a coating of paint badly, and it would not be amiss to make a thorough examination of the tin covering of the roof, and give it such repairs as may be necessary, preparatory to giving it another coating of paint. Forty years' exposure to the weather is very likely to start some leakage.

Respectfully submitted:

DANIEL F. SECOMB,  
*Librarian.*

January 1, 1894.

## REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

*To the City Council:*

The balance in the hands of the treasurer, January 1, 1893, was \$100.11, to which has been added the city appropriations of \$6,500, and receipts from the library, \$54.01, making a total of \$6,654.12, as available funds for the purposes of the library. Of this sum, \$6,166.64 has been expended, as per itemized account in the expenses of the city, leaving a balance in the hands of the treasurer of \$487.18.

### BALANCE SHEET.

#### DR.

|   |                   |            |
|---|-------------------|------------|
| Cash on hand January 1, 1893, . . . . . | \$100.11          |            |
| Received from city, . . . . .           | 6,500.00          |            |
| "    librarian, . . . . .               | 54.01             |            |
|   | <u>          </u> | \$6,654.12 |

#### CR.

|  |                   |            |
|--|-------------------|------------|
| Paid, as per itemized account, . . . . . | \$6,166.64        |            |
| Cash on hand, . . . . .                  | 487.48            |            |
|  | <u>          </u> | \$6,654.12 |

### TRUST ACCOUNT.

#### DR.

|                                   |                   |          |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|----------|
| Received from Lyon fund . . . . . | \$60.00           |          |
| "    Pierce fund . . . . .        | 40.00             |          |
|                                   | <u>          </u> | \$100.00 |

#### CR.

|                           |          |  |
|---------------------------|----------|--|
| By cash on hand . . . . . | \$100.00 |  |
|---------------------------|----------|--|

Respectfully submitted:

W. P. FISKE,  
*Treasurer.*

### DETAILED ACCOUNT OF EXPENDITURES.

|                               |                   |            |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|------------|
| City appropriation, . . . . . | \$6,000.00        |            |
| "    special . . . . .        | 500.00            |            |
|                               | <u>          </u> | \$6,500.00 |

## Paid as follows:

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| D. F. Secomb, salary, . . . . .         | \$1,000.00 |
| "          incidentals, . . . . .       | 57.51      |
| Adah M. Colby, . . . . .                | 450.00     |
| Clara F. Brown, . . . . .               | 450.00     |
| W. I. James, . . . . .                  | 173.42     |
| R. H. James, . . . . .                  | 23.13      |
| H. E. Upton, . . . . .                  | 5.50       |
| C. E. Clough, . . . . .                 | 8.25       |
| Edson C. Eastman, books, . . . . .      | 686.36     |
| James E. Albee, " . . . . .             | 329.85     |
| W. E. Hunt, " . . . . .                 | 483.52     |
| Silsky & Sons, binding, . . . . .       | 489.73     |
| Gas, . . . . .                          | 157.46     |
| Insurance, : . . . .                    | 161.67     |
| Fuel, . . . . .                         | 236.25     |
| Periodicals and publications, . . . . . | 248.97     |
| N. S. Gale & Co., . . . . .             | 52.00      |
| W. B. Cunningham, . . . . .             | 52.00      |
| Library bureau, card case, . . . . .    | 107.00     |
| Repairs, special, . . . . .             | 499.96     |
| Repairs, . . . . .                      | 23.50      |
| Janitor, . . . . .                      | 137.60     |
| Water, . . . . .                        | 7.00       |
| Republican Press Association, . . . . . | 115.45     |
| Ira C. Evans, . . . . .                 | 128.50     |
| C. W. Brown, . . . . .                  | 15.00      |
| J. H. Lamb, . . . . .                   | 10.00      |
| Incidentals, . . . . .                  | 50.46      |
| F. P. Mace, . . . . .                   | 6.55       |
| Balance, . . . . .                      | 333.36     |
|   | <hr/>      |
|   | \$6,500.00 |

